IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

John O. Lamping et al

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR GUIDED CLUSTER BASED PROCESSING ON PROTOTYPES

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AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED

EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.114

Sir:

A Notice of Appeal was filed in the above-referenced application on May 8, 2006. The application now is now being withdrawn from appeal by submission of a Request for Continued Examination. The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed January 11, 2006, as required by 37 CFR §1.114(c). Entry is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.